

appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S7175–95**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 276), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to the conference report to accompany the bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the pending measure was in violation of section 3101 of S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—277)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7225.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the National Institutes of Health, focusing on investing in a healthier future, after receiving testimony from Francis Collins, Director, Douglas Lowy, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute, Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases,

Walter J. Koroshetz, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Jon R. Lorsch, Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

### IRANIAN INFLUENCE IN IRAQ AND CAMP LIBERTY CASE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iranian influence in Iraq and the case of Camp Liberty, after receiving testimony from former Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, Yeshiva University; General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.), Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, former National Security Advisor; and Colonel Wesley Martin, USA (Ret.), U.S. Foundation for Liberty, former Commander, Forward Operating Base Ashraf.

### WIRELESS BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine removing barriers to wireless broadband deployment, after receiving testimony from Douglas Kinkoph, Associate Administrator, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Jonathan Adelstein, PCIA—The Wireless Infrastructure Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Mayor Gary Resnick, Wilton Manors, Florida, on behalf of the National League of Cities and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors; Cory J. Reed, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois; and Bruce Morrison, Ericsson Inc., Bellevue, Washington.

### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Stephen G. Burns, Chairman, and Kristine Svinicki, William Ostendorff, and Jeffrey Baran, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### NORTH KOREA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the North Korea threat and United States policy, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Gallucci, Director, John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress; Jay Lefkowitz, former Special Envoy for Human Rights in North Korea, Kirkland and Ellis LLP, New York,

New York; and Victor D. Cha, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1607, to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1818, to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1820, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1817, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2109, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1873, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2128, to require the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency to submit to Congress a report on Inspector General mandates;

S. 2133, to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies' development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments;

S. 2021, to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2093, to provide that the Secretary of Transportation shall have sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

H.R. 998, to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the

United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 322, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office";

H.R. 323, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office";

H.R. 324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office";

H.R. 558, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the "Richard 'Dick' Chenault Post Office Building";

H.R. 1442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building";

H.R. 1884, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the "Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office Building"; and

H.R. 3059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the James Robert Kalsu Post Office Building.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1579, to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States; and

H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending Indian Affairs legislation, including S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon, S. 818, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, S. 1436, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, S. 1761, to take certain Federal land located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, S. 1822, to take certain Federal land located in

Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, S. 1986, to provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada, and H.R. 387, to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, after receiving testimony from Michael R. Smith, Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Arlan D. Melendez, Reno Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, Nevada; Robert Martin, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Banning, California; and Darren Daboda, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Moapa, Nevada.

#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine S. 2102, to amend the Clayton Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall exercise authority with respect to mergers only under the Clayton Act and only in the same procedural manner as the Attorney General exercises such authority, after receiving testimony from Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission; Deborah A. Garza, Covington and Burling LLP, David A. Clanton, Baker and McKenzie LLP, and Abbott B. Lipsky, Jr., Latham and Watkins LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jonathan M. Jacobson, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosati, New York, New York.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1811, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to make loans to certain businesses, homeowners, and renters affected by Superstorm Sandy, with amendments;

S. 2116, to improve certain programs of the Small Business Administration to better assist small business customers in accessing broadband technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2126, to reauthorize the women's business center program of the Small Business Administration;

S. 2136, to establish the Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2138, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the review and acceptance of subcontracting plans; and

S. 2139, to amend the Small Business Act to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for the procurement of covered contracts, with an amendment.

#### PROTECTING SENIORS FROM IDENTITY THEFT

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine if the Federal Government is doing enough to protect seniors from identity theft, after receiving testimony from Sean Cavanaugh, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Gary Cantrell, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Betty Balderston, Legal Services for the Elderly, Winthrop, Maine; and Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center, Washington, D.C.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 3696–3707 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 466, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 538) to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 702) to adapt to changing crude oil

market conditions (H. Rept. 114–290); and H.R. 3442, to provide further means of accountability of the United States debt and promote fiscal responsibility (H. Rept. 114–291).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Stewart to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Slaughter announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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